

Town of Abington
Board of Health Meeting
Monday, August 11, 2014
Buckley Room
7:00pm

Member's present: Theresa Maze, Chairwoman, Donna Hoffman, Vice-Chair, Bob Manning, Linda Dickey, Susan Emery, Sharon White, Health Agent

Terry calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Variance/Mix Use
347 Summer St
Paul Zakrzewski

Mr. Zakrzewski explains that he would like trash pickup for his residence at 347 Summer St which is one apartment above a business. He states that he has been picking up the trash and disposing of it in another dumpster. Mr. Zakrzewski is apprised of the need for proper disposal of trash and recycling which was not being done properly.

Discussion

Donna votes not to grant a variance at this time

Susan is in favor of granting a variance as well as Linda

Susan makes a motion to approve the variance for Mr. Zakrzewski at 347 Summer St

Linda seconds

Approved 3-1

Terry would like to revisit on how to move forward with variances

Dumpster Regulations Public Hearing

Andrew Winiewicz, owner of 496 Centre Ave business has some concerns regarding the Dumpster Regulations. He asks why have a discussion when the regulations have passed? He asks what is the purpose of an open discussion.

Terry explains that they have adopted the regulations and an open discussion is to voice opinions/concerns and if necessary, add amendments to the regulations.

Mr. Winiewicz has concerns with policing and the money from the fee going into the general fund.

Sharon explains that during her normal food inspections and upon complaints she will be policing the dumpsters.

Discussion

Mr. Winiewicz states that dumpsters do have an inch and a half hole in them that is standard. The regulations state no more than ¼ inch hole. Most dumpsters are not rodent proof.

Discussion

Bob Manning has joined the meeting at 7:27pm

Bob suggests amending section 2.7 and using the words 1 inch

Bob motions in section 2.7 add the language that will include all holes in any dumpster shall be less than ¼" in diameter except for those this will exclude manufacturer's pre- drained holes that are delivered with the container as is

Linda seconds

Unanimous

Mr. Winiewicz is concerned with section 3.2 with the time of pickup being not before 7:00am

Discussion

The Board decides to leave the hours as is

4.2 – question concerning 15 or 20ft from buildings

The Board will verify this with the Fire Chief

Mr. Winiewicz again has concerns with the policing of the dumpsters.

Bob explains that it is the "leasee" that is responsible for the upkeep of the dumpsters

Mr. Balboni of ABC Disposal asks what the concern was last year that circumvented all this.

Sharon explains that it was a rodent problem in dilapidated dumpsters of a mini strip mall next to residential areas.

Mr. Balboni questions section 4.5, enclosed dumpsters and asks what the Board means by the wording "may" and asks how they determine "may"

Terry explains to Mr. Balboni that if people were having a problem meeting the requirements of being rodent free and if what they were doing wasn't effective enough that the Board may require them to do more. That would be an exception to the rule.

Mr. Balboni asks who is responsible for the permits. Is it the businesses?

Bob replies that people who lease the dumpsters are responsible for the permit and fee.

Sharon does state that the trash hauler should notify their customers as we do not know who all their customers are.

Sharon also states that Sept. 1st might be too soon for the regulations to take affect and suggests that when we get ready to renew the trash haulers licenses at the end of the year that that would be a good time frame.

Jackie Mercer, Trustee, of Kingswood Condominiums asks since they are a grandfathered condominium that is on municipal trash pickup if they are responsible for the dumpster fee

Sharon will check with legal council to confirm they are not responsible since they are on town pickup.

Sue motions to make the effective date for the dumpster regulations January 1, 2015

Linda seconds

Discussion

Unanimous

192 Groveland St Housing Code Violations

Sharon states the owner has left a message that she didn't know if she would make it. The Board will wait until the end of the meeting to see if she shows up.

Tobacco Violations from FDA Compliance Check

Sharon updates the Board of these violations

Four establishments in town have sold cigarettes to minors

Bob motions that a letter be sent to the establishments involved and ask them for a copy of their response letter to the FDA

Donna seconds

Unanimous

Temporary Food Permits

Susan presented to the Board comparisons from other towns regarding the temporary food permits to see where Abington stands in fees.

Theresa is comfortable with our temporary food permit at this time is sufficient. They will revisit this at the October meeting.

Health Agents Report (see attached)

Discussion regarding 192 Groveland St

Sharon explains to the Board that this came in as a complaint from a neighbor. Sharon presents pictures of the violations.

Discussion

Minutes

June 16, 2014

Linda motions to accept the June 16, 2014, minutes with the amendment of Aug. 4th changed to Aug. 11th, Public Hearing date for the Dumpster Regulations

Donna seconds

Unanimous

3-0-2

July 7, 2014

Bob motions to accept the July 7, 2014, minutes as drafted

Susan seconds

Unanimous

4-0-1

Linda motions to adjourn

Bob seconds

Unanimous

Theresa Maze, Chairwoman

Mary DeRusha, Chief Clerk

